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**IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS, OR THE TRANSMITTAL IS INCOMPLETE, PLEASE CALL 707-253-4351**

**HARD COPY** YES ☐  
**TO FOLLOW** NO ☒

Attached is a Resolution adopted today by the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board of Directors.

This Resolution outlines the position of the Board regarding the CALFED process. The focus of the resolution is to encourage key State and Federal Leaders to reach agreement on essential CALFED policy statements.

Please consider this resolution as our comment on the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS, and incorporate it into the record.

## RESOLUTION NO. 99-13 (RC)

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT,  
COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ENCOURAGING  
STATE AND FEDERAL LEADERS TO REACH AGREEMENT  
TO ACT ON ESSENTIAL CALFED POLICY ELEMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, since 1994 the Federal Government and the State of California, in conjunction with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders, have undertaken an effort to address the remarkably complex water resources issues of the San Francisco Bay / Delta ecosystem through a process known as CALFED; and

**WHEREAS**, the CALFED process has not yet resolved essential policy elements of an accord, in particular water resources allocation issues, in part due to difficulties which have arisen in reconciling needs of the stakeholders which appear to be mutually exclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of all of the citizens of the State of California for the CALFED process to succeed and to timely resolve the water resources allocation issues being discussed as part of the CALFED process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is responsible for the prudent allocation, overall management and protection of the imported water resources for, and the flood protection within the District whose boundaries are congruent with those of the County of Napa; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Board knows, by virtue of its own work in the flood control arena, the difficulty of providing for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, while protecting and enhancing the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, despite such difficulties, the District Board has been able to develop a nationally acclaimed flood control project which balanced the needs of flood control with the needs of the environment and which has brought stakeholders of greatly divergent interests to the table to develop safeguards and protections for all interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the County of Napa for many years have been and continue to be very concerned about the impacts of unplanned growth, and to that end have adopted growth control measures which have provided and will continue to provide, enduring growth control assurances; and

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**WHEREAS**, the District Board, in cooperation with the municipalities located in the Napa Valley, has been able to budget responsibly for area water needs, carefully tailoring the District's water projections to match planned growth anticipated to occur within the adopted growth control limitations; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of such careful budgeting, any disruption in contracted water supply delivery, especially during periods of water shortage, could have devastating impacts upon the municipalities and contract water users located in the Napa Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is a long standing member of the State Water Contractors Association, and is vitally concerned about its imported water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, much of the fiscal well-being of Napa County and the District is dependent upon imported water supplied by the State of California directly from the Delta; and

**WHEREAS**, manifested by various indicators including dramatic reductions in fish populations, the Bay / Delta estuary's health is in rapid decline due to a variety of devastating impacts, including the diversion of over 50 percent of its flows from the watershed's rivers, the loss of over 85 percent of historic wetlands and the discharge of 40,000 tons of pollutants into San Francisco Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of the San Francisco Bay / Delta estuary and the diverse ecosystems it supports are fundamental to the environmental well-being of the entire Bay Area, including the County of Napa as an adjoiner to the Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, in the CALFED process the current public comment period for the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS provides a critical opportunity for input on the issues affecting the San Francisco Bay / Delta estuary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby identify the following essential elements which the District recommends be incorporated into future policies and programs undertaken by the CALFED process:

- ◆ CALFED's success is dependent upon continued cooperation between Governor Davis and Interior Secretary Babbitt - Leadership at the highest level is needed to assure development of a program, which provides balanced benefits to all parties involved. A number of tough issues remain to be resolved; the presence of top-level leaders will assure resolution both quickly and equitably. The District applauds the recent involvement of these two leaders, and in the strongest possible terms requests and urges their continued involvement.

- CALFED should allocate a fair share of funding for Bay Area environmental restoration efforts - The EPA's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), BCDC's San Francisco Bay Plan, the RWQCB's Bay Basin Plan and the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Project all establish numerous beneficial measures which must be taken to protect and restore habitat and improve fish and wildlife in the Bay / Delta estuary. Funding to implement these recommended programs should be appropriated.
- CALFED should focus on meeting the State's water needs - A primary focus of CALFED must be to meet the growing water needs of California. Over the past decade, California's water users, both cities and farmers, have lost the use of over one (1) million acre-feet of water supply from the Delta. The CALFED process should include recovery of those supplies, and establish ways to meet the State's growing water demand while assuring the vitality of the environment.
- CALFED should help urban water users to respond to increasingly stringent water quality standards - The CALFED process must work closely with urban water suppliers to establish standards and promote methods to improve Bay / Delta water quality. Lacking such measures, urban water purveyors will be forced to invest in costly new water treatment facilities to meet safe drinking water standards and the estuary's environment will continue to decline.
- CALFED should guarantee that there will be adequate freshwater flows into the Bay - The San Francisco Bay / Delta estuary's historic freshwater flows have been reduced by half. Assuring adequate flows will benefit the entire estuary in diverse ways, including improving water quality, supporting biological diversity and the health of all of the Bay / Delta estuary's ecosystems.
- CALFED should require best water management by all users - Equitable water conservation practices, together with water re-use and prudent groundwater management, should be required and enforced for all users throughout California. Managing demand through good management practices and greater water use efficiency can substantially reduce the need for more Delta water, especially during dry years.
- CALFED should commit to investments in infrastructure - California's water supply must be made reliable. To this end, the CALFED process should include investment in improvements in water supply and water quality now, simultaneously with conservation. New water storage and conveyance facilities should be funded to the extent needed to meet the needs of the existing State population. Infrastructure planning and funding for the needs of additional population projected during the next few decades must progress in tandem with programs to meet the other equally worthy goals of CALFED.

- ◆ CALFED should assure equity between urban users, farmers, and the environment - Control of the State's water resources should be returned to the State. California must be able to control its own destiny in terms of ecology and economy; water is a key component of both environmental and fiscal health. Federal regulatory agencies should be encouraged to work conjunctively with the State.
- ◆ CALFED should insist on coordinated management of Federal and State water systems - Effective coordination of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project by Federal and State managers is essential to improving and optimizing the efficiency of the existing infrastructure.
- ◆ CALFED leadership should provide strong and excellent leadership to all of the stakeholders - For the CALFED process to succeed, the leadership of CALFED must provide clear, concise direction based on a commitment to the basic principle of mutual certainty. Actions to improve the environment, based on solid scientific principles, should be implemented equitably with actions to improve water management and infrastructure. This principle of mutual certainty will help to create a workable balance between the environmental needs of the Bay / Delta area, and the water needs of all Californians; and
- ◆ Success can be achieved - The Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District believes that success can be achieved. To that end, the Board invites the CALFED leadership to review the cooperative developmental history of the District's Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project. This project, to be constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers, demonstrates that a large capital improvement project needed by a community can be designed to meet its primary goal while providing substantial environmental enhancement and garnering the widespread community support.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**  
by the Board of Directors of the Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District at a regular meeting of the District Board held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 1999 by the following vote, with the number following the name of each voting Director

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indicating the number of votes cast by the Director:

AYES: DIRECTORS

RIPPEY	(2)	WAGENKNECHT	(2)
TECHEL	(1)	SLAVINS	(1)
MAPLES	(1)	HOLT	(1)
WINTER	(2)	HENDERSON	(2)
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NOES: DIRECTORS

NONE	( )		( )
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ABSENT: DIRECTORS

CALLEGARI	(1)	LUCE	(2)
VARRELMAN	(2)		( )

ATTEST: MARY JEAN  
MCLAUGHLIN, District  
Secretary

By Teri Lissom Deputy

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ROBERT WESTMEYER, District Legal  
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FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF NAPA

MARY JEAN MCLAUGHLIN  
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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